IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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For:

SCREEN

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, before line 1, please delete "Title: Flange-shaped fitting frame" and ubstitute therefore the following: --FLANGE-SHAPED FITTING FRAME--.

Page 1, before line 1, please insert --CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION.

This application is based on provisional application entitled SCREEN filed December 27, 2000, Serial No. 60/258,573.

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT. Not applicable.

REFERENCE TO A MICROFISHE APPENDIX. Not applicable.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

Field of the Invention.

Page 1, after line 24, please insert -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 3, after line 2, please insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS--;

Page 3, after line 11, please insert --DETAIL DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--;

In the Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, please delete "or 2";

Claim 4, line 1, please delete "at least one of the claims 1-3" and substitute therefore --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, please delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute therefore –claim 1--.

Should any questions arise with respect to the above, please contact Peter Visserman at (616) 336-6000.

Respectfully submitted,

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